

## IN DAYS GONE BY.

### Political Reminiscences of Some of New York's Well-Known Men.

John A. Wrede Recalls an Episode in the Boodle Board Canvass.

Counties and Tammany Men Fight for an East Side Hall.

A Faction Throws Out the Door Returns Through a Window.

A political campaign isn't considered exciting on the east side unless it is characterized by an occasional appeal to arms—nature's weapons, of course.

Excitement to the east-side means something more than mental exhilaration. It must possess physical elements such as the "knock-down" and "drag-out" to really appeal to his love of sensation.

It is for this reason that the campaigns in Manhattan's orient are marked by some lively frolics, and are to be considered positively dull and insipid affairs if there were not so.



"THEY HURLED OUT THE SPEAKER AND THE MAJORITY OF THE TAMMANY MEN." Some of the affairs are more temperamental, but all of them are amusing because of the earnestness of the opposing champions in the cause of their particular candidate, and the apparent lack of necessity for physical force to enforce political dogmas. There is not an east-side politician who cannot tell an interesting tale of a "shindy" at an election district meeting.

John A. Wrede, Cashier in the County Clerk's Office and County Clerk Giegerich's confidential man, tells of one which occurred in the Twelfth Assembly District in 1888.

There was then a union on county officers between Tammany Hall and the County Democracy, but an exceedingly hot canvass was being made between the rival candidates for Assemblyman and Alderman.

"Bob De Lacy was the County Democracy candidate for Alderman," said Mr. Wrede by way of preface. "He was elected, and I guess he wishes he hadn't been, for he spent a long time in Canada because of that fact."

"Tammany Hall was running Maurice F. Holahan, now a Commissioner of Accounts, against De Lacy, and we were whooping it up red-hot for him."

"Fatty" Grote controlled several districts on the southern border of the Assembly District, around Sheriff, Stanton and Houston streets, in the interest of the County Democracy. In fact, so absolute was his sway there that there were hardly any Tammany men to be found in the neighborhood.

"Notwithstanding this fact, we determined to invade the enemy's camp, and attempt to make votes for Mr. Holahan and our candidate for Assemblyman, Emanuel Schwarz."

"A meeting was arranged to be held in a hall in the rear of a liquor saloon in Sheriff street, between Houston and Stanton streets, in the very center of Grote's principality."

"It was a bold thing to do, for the Grote people were known to have declared that they would prevent the holding of any Tammany Hall meetings in their neighborhood."

"Well, the meeting was arranged for, and James R. Purdy was assigned to open it with a speech, and he was to be succeeded by other orators, to arrive later in the evening, after filling prior engagements."

"Leonard A. Giegerich was one of these, and I was with him at a meeting at Becker's Hall, in Pitt street, when in rushed Purdy, pale, breathless and very much rumpled as to clothing."

"He announced that he had hardly got his Sheriff street meeting organized when 'Fatty' Grote and his followers had taken possession of it, and bundled out the speaker and the majority of the Tammany men present, neck and heels."

"Mr. Giegerich abruptly ended his speech, and the entire Pitt street audience started off with blood in their eyes and a wicked determination to recapture that other meeting from the invading County Democracy."

"When we returned on the scene, pandemonium reigned. There was a howling, crowding mass of humanity filling the hall, and it seemed utterly impossible to force an entrance."

"We couldn't get into the hall from the front entrance, but we found a way at the rear. A window was open, and through this we pushed Mr. Giegerich, right over the heads of the squirming, shouting pent-up mass of men, who were packed into the hall like sardines in a box."

"The County Democrats had come in such force that their object was practically frustrated. They had packed themselves in so tightly that they could not eject all the Tammanyites. They had come to bounce, and Mr. Giegerich found a few of his friends about him, including some of the officers of the meeting."

"Grote's followers outnumbered us four to one, however."

"Getting on a table, Mr. Giegerich finally

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## CITY NEWS TENSELY TOLD.

To-Day's Record of Minor Happenings About Town.

Chronicles Briefly Drawn from Note Book and Docket.

Burial of an Old Merchant.

Thibault Lawrence, one of the oldest of the retired merchants of New York, was buried today from the Friends' Meeting House in East Twelfth street. He was born in this city June 15, 1800, and with his brother, Charles Lawrence, was one of the founders of the first part of the century. He died Sunday at his home, 322 East Fifty-eighth street.

Detective Freely A. Benedict.

The writ of Habeas Corpus was granted by Judge Benedict to Detective Freely A. Benedict, who was arrested by the police last night on a charge of stealing \$275 from him.

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The Famous Irish Nationalist Passed Away This Morning.

He Was Killed by a Fourth Avenue Horse Car.

James Redpath, the famous Irish Nationalist, journalist and lecturer, and the Vice-President of the Anti-Poverty Society, who was run down by a Fourth Avenue horse car, died at St. Luke's Hospital, from the effects of his injuries.

Mrs. Redpath and her daughter, Mrs. Santer, were at his bedside when he died, and had been with him ever since yesterday morning. Dr. Robert Abbott, the visiting surgeon at St. Luke's, was also present.

Ever since Mr. Redpath was removed to St. Luke's from the Chambers street hospital last Saturday his condition has been regarded as extremely critical.

The wheel of the car passed over the left arm as it was bent inward, bruising and lacerating the small arm bones and crushing the muscles, which resulted in paralysis of the arm and almost the entire left side of the body.

The accident also caused a terrible shock to the nervous system, and the physicians at St. Luke's could at no time pronounce him out of danger. Yesterday his condition for the first time seemed to improve, and last night the bulletin was encouraging.

Dr. Abbott thought that his arm as well as his life might be saved with proper care. Early this morning, however, he began to sink rapidly, and the nervous energy which had kept him up during all the days of his terrible suffering began to fail.

At the last moment he was apparently free from pain, and his death was calm and peaceful. The accident which caused the death of Mr. Redpath occurred last Friday afternoon. He was crossing Park Row to the Post-Office, near the corner of Beekman street, when he found himself in the way of a horse-drawn carriage and his way blocked by a truck.

He called to the driver to stop, but the horse was upon him and he was knocked down and thrown under the car, which dragged him some distance before it was brought to a stand still.